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There several other states running this measure in a bi-partisan manner.

- (a) The First Amendment of the United States Constitution asserts that the government "shall make no law abridging the freedom of the press;"
- (b) Freedom of the press In the United States is not absolute and is subject to certain restrictions, such as defamation law:
- (c) The State has a compelling interest to compel the press to promote the objective truth for the sake of the viability of Democracy and for the safety, health, and welfare of our communities and in keeping with the spirit of the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment and to stop the press from serving as a slander machine;(d) There has been a growing trend for individuals to abuse process and maliciously
- (d) There has been a growing trend for individuals to abuse process and maliciously prosecute someone they disagree with ideologically by filing spurious cases and controversies in various government venues for ulterior motives, knowing that certain segments of the media that align with their ideology would serve as an accomplice by engaging in a form of defamation in-kind by selectively reporting on the facts of the original case but not on the actual outcome in actions where the petitioner received less relief than originally sought, which cultivates an unjust prejudicial conviction in the court of public opinion causing the cause to be shunned, avoided, and marginalized and the media outlet guilty of defamation in-kind to the point that it unduly decreases the quality of life for the accused;
- (e) The pattern of media outlets only reporting on the facts of a case and controversy but not the outcome has incentivized the abuse of our institutions of justice to the point that it threatens to erode the community's trust in the integrity of different government institutions, while giving licensed to an unaccountable members of the press to abuse their position with impunity by trampling civil liberties;
- (f) The State has a compelling interest to compel the press to promote the truth because without truth, there is no freedom freedom comes from the truth.